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### **Town of Fremont NH ~ Press Release 17 August 2006**

The Selectmen's Office was informed today that a mosquito pool in Fremont has tested positive for EEE. The sample was collected in Fremont on August 10<sup>th</sup> and tested by the State Laboratory on August 16<sup>th</sup>.

The State Health Department has informed town officials that we are doing well with our surveillance program, and to maintain that process. They again stressed that public education is important, and for the Town to continue to monitor the situation. They suggested that if further positives are found, the Town may wish to consider spraying.

The Selectmen, Health Officer, and other Public Safety officials will continue to work closely with Municipal Pest Management Services, our contracted mosquito control service provider, and with State Health Officials.

If more mosquitoes are identified, the Town may further consider other options, including spraying.

Fremont appropriated \$30,000 at the March 2006 Town Meeting and entered into a larval mosquito control program, including surveillance and monitoring contract with Municipal Pest Management Services of York Maine. Entomologist Michael Morrison and his staff have been working diligently to monitor the situation and will continue to do so. MPMS has worked since early spring identifying wetland areas, treating larval mosquito pools, monitoring and trapping mosquitoes. The mosquitoes are then submitted to the NH State Laboratory for testing. MPMS has also been working with homeowners and residents with regard to potential mosquito problem areas.

As we have done throughout the season, we encourage people to be vigilant in their personal protection. Stay indoors when the mosquito populations are busiest, as dusk approaches. Wear long sleeves and use insect repellant containing DEET.

We will continue to put monthly updates in the printed newsletter, and more often on the Town's website. Please continue to monitor the website at [www.Fremont.nh.gov](http://www.Fremont.nh.gov) for current updates, which can be found on the Home page and the Health Department page. Additionally, the State of NH Department of Health and Human Services website has many resources and fact sheets available. That site is [http://www.dhhs.nh.gov/DHHS/DHHS\\_SITE/default.htm](http://www.dhhs.nh.gov/DHHS/DHHS_SITE/default.htm)

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